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| TITLE: DEVICE FOR INSERTING AND REMOVING WORK STATIONS CIRCULATING ON A CHAIN |) } } |

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 29, 2003, Applicant hereby submits the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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